



Juanita McCown Cross

January 14, 1918 - June 28, 2020

Juanita McCown Cross passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 28, 2020, after a brief illness. She lived a beautiful and remarkable life of over 102 years. Juanita was born on January 14, 1918, near Falkner, Mississippi, to Ernest and Frankie McCown. Her life spanned many great watershed events of our nation's history and her heart was always filled with the spirit of kindness, understanding, courage and perseverance. She tasted the bitterness of sorrow along the way with early death of a baby sister, untimely death of her mother, and the long anxiety of her beloved husband's missing in action status in World War II. But she also enjoyed so many of the sweet moments of life with her family and friends.

Her life's story has been one of genuine love, service and friendship. She began her education in the small one room Cooper Hill schoolhouse. Later, after Blue Mountain College, she taught at the two- room schoolhouse at Mount Zion. Juanita worked for 43 years at the Bank of Falkner, beginning as a teller and retiring as Chairman of the Board. Juanita was a lifelong member of Falkner Baptist Church where her grandparents, Albert and Alice Conner, were charter members. Her heart always bubbled over with joy when she was around her many friends at Falkner sharing with them her wonderful sense of humor, love and compassion. She sweetened every victory and soothed every sorrow. As a wife, mother and grandmother, she was always there, providing confidence, wisdom and support. She was the mother whose encouragement

and training guided us through our headstrong teenage years and whose confidence and support guided us through the hardest moments of life—always there, always ready to help. She lived her life to the fullest and experienced the sweet harmony of life in its perfect pitch.

Juanita was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Berlin Cross, her brother Neil McCown, sisters, Johnnie Weaver, Lou Ella Moser, Jamie Melvin and Elizabeth McCown.

She is survived by a sister, Lovie Alexander, four children, Freddie (Janice) Cross, Eddie (Betty) Cross, Tommye (Benny) Walker, Harold (Carolyn) Cross; ten grandchildren, Steve (Katie) Cross, Cynthia (Richard) Roberts, Dr. Ginger (Reese) Hooge, Pam (Scott) Tupman, Patti (Johnny) McElwain, Dr. Kristi (Brian) Curry, Daniel (Julie) Cross, Dr. John (Catherine) Cross, Rocky Cross, Scott (Tina) Smith; and 19 great grandchildren along with numerous nephews and nieces.

A private family service will be held on Wednesday, July 1, at McBride Funeral Home in Ripley. In lieu of flowers donations are suggested to the American Cancer Society and Batson Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ *Juanita McCown Cross*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *She was a hard worker and a funny sweet lady.*

wanda carr - July 01, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ *We are praying for the family of Ms. Juanita. She was a wonderful person. She really had a good sense of humor and we never tired of talking with her and listening to her stories. Love you all, Joe, Jane, Jody and Lydia Cross*

Billy Jane Cross - June 30, 2020 at 07:07 PM



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Steve Cross - June 30, 2020 at 04:30 PM

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Steve Cross - June 30, 2020 at 04:29 PM

BN

“ Bro. Joey Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita McCown Cross



Bro. Joey Norris - June 30, 2020 at 02:35 PM

IS

“ Inez Sides lit a candle in memory of Juanita McCown Cross



Inez Sides - June 30, 2020 at 12:34 PM

JM

“ Prayers for God's comfort and strength during this time. My husband and me rented the house across the road from them when we first got married. Mr Berlin and her was so sweet to us. She was a beautiful lady inside and out I know she will be missed.

Judy McMillin - June 30, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ *Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Juanita McCown Cross*



Lois Watson - June 30, 2020 at 10:43 AM

WC

“ *WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita McCown Cross*



WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH - June 30, 2020 at 10:37 AM

MB

“ *All of us at Bennett Plumbing were saddened to hear of Mrs. Cross's passing. What a wonderful exmple of a life well-lived. May the Lord comfort all who loved her.*

Mac Bennett - June 30, 2020 at 10:04 AM

DM

“ *My condolences to Eddie-'Freddie and The Cross Family.David Mcelwain*

David Mcelwain - June 29, 2020 at 05:52 PM